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KU8R N8DTN W9JUV KC9RP K9XI KB5KCH KC5UD KC0HF G8AUU WD0AKO DJ0QN

and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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FINE ISSUED FOR IGNORING NAL

The FCC has issued a Notice of Forfeiture in the amount of \$10,000 against David Plourde, N1IZR, of Lewiston, Maine. The Commission says that they want him to pay up because he has failed to file an explanation of his on the air operations on the Class D 11 meter citizens band.

By way of background, back in 1992 Plourde was issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to Monetary Forfeiture in the amount of \$10,000. This for allegedly operating on the 11 meters using a non type-accepted transmitter and linear amplifier. Plourde was given the usual thirty days in which to respond to the fine, but as of October 12 of 1993 he had not filed an answer to the forfeiture notice.

The FCC says that it is not willing to wait any longer to hear what Plourde might have to say. Instead, it has order pursuant to Section 503, sub-part B of the Communications Act that Plourde, shall forfeit a monetary forfeiture in the amount of \$10,000 for violating Section 301 of the Communications Act and Section 95.409, sub-part a of the Commission's Rules.

Plourde has thirty days to pay the fine or file a further appeal. If he fails to respond this time, the FCC has the power to turn the matter over to the Department of Justice and seek immediate collection.

The forfeiture order issued to Plourde was signed by Richard M. Smith who is the Chief of the FCC's Field Operations Bureau in Washington, DC.

ICOM CONTROVERSY

The ARRL says that a advertisement by Icom America in the November issue of its QST Magazine dealing with a year-end Christmas sales promotion is wrong when it says that the League is discounting its membership fees to people who buy Icom radios. The ARRL says that the Icom promotion could be interpreted by some readers to mean that league memberships are being discounted through the Icom coupon program and that this is not the case. This, even though an Icom press release dealing with the promotion does mention ARRL membership as a -- quote -- "...discounted product."

In its own statement of clarification on the matter, the ARRL says that the advertisement and press release are actually referring to the normal membership bonus that is given to all new applicants. This in the form of an ARRL published book.

The Icom promotion runs from October 1st through December 31st. It offers the a book of thirty-two discount coupons from twenty-one leading manufacturers of accessories useful with Icom ham gear. According to the Icom press release, the types of discounted products available to radio purchasers include -- and gain we quote -- include antennas, cables, publications, seminars, ham shows and ARRL membership. It the last two words of this statement that the American Radio Relay League is taking issue with.

So far there has been no word from Icom regarding the ARRL rebuttal of that companys' year end promotional ad.

US-CANADA TRANSCEIVER MEASUREMENTS

As a result of an agreement between the FCC and the Canadian Department of Communications, both agencies have now agreed to accept measurement reports made in either the US or the Canadian format toward satisfaction of their respective equipment authorization requirements for digital cellular telephone transceivers. This agreement holds the promise for application to other pieces of radio gear as well, possibly including some radios destined for hams.

Under current FCC regulations, before cellular telephone transceivers can receive type acceptance, the manufacturer or importer is required to file information as outlined under Parts 2 and 22 of the commissions rules. Similarly, Canadian authorities require that measurement reports be submitted in parts 2.993 and 2.995 of the DOC rules. But as of October 19th a manufacturer or importer can use either filing format with either country for consideration of an authorization to sell the product in each respective nation.

If similar agreements can be reached with other countries, it

will speed up getting new communications products to market while substantially lowering the cost of government certification to get them into the end users hands.

NEW CORDLESS PHONE FREQUENCIES PROPOSED

In an effort to relieve channel congestion and reduce interference to cordless telephones now operating in the 46 MHz and 49 MHz bands, the FCC is proposing to revise its Part 15 rules to provide additional channels for these devices. The proposal is in response to a request filed by the Telecommunications Industry Association which asserts that the growing popularity of cordless phones has rendered the ten current channel pairs currently available as being highly inadequate.

The industry lobby group has proposed that frequencies currently allocated to the Private Land Mobile Radio Services for use by the Land Transportation, Petroleum and Forest Products Radio Services be reallocated to cordless telephones on a shared basis. The TIA and the FCC both seem to agree that the risk of interference to private land mobile operation from cordless telephones would be negligible since there are right now fewer than thirty assignments covering less than 800 mobiles on each of the proposed frequencies. If adopted, the new cordless telephone allocation will center around 44 MHz and 49 MHz. By way of minimizing the potential for co-service interference, the FCC says that it will require that new cordless phones designed for this proposed allocation to be equipped with automatic channel selection. This the commission says will prevent the establishment of a base to hand unit link on an occupied channel.

The proposal carries the designation of Docket 93.235. Commentary cutoff was November the 8th. Reply comments are due no later than November 23rd.

NEW SERVICES AUTHORIZED AT 2 GHZ

The FCC has begun the distribution of spectrum at 2 Gigahertz for use by an array of voice, data and video communications. They began by allocating 120 MHz worth of spectrum in new subbands from 1850 to 1890, 1930 to 1970, 2130 to 2150 and 2180 to 2200 Megahertz to accommodate a wide variety of Personal Communications Service -- or PCS offerings. This 120 MHz will be channelized into four frequency blocks of 10 MHz each, one 20 MHz wide frequency block and two 30 MHz wide frequency blocks. Eventually, PCS licensees will be permitted to share up to 40 MHz

of spectrum in any one given service area.

The FCC says that it plans to license broadband PCS systems in both the fifty-one major trading area based service areas and in another 492 basic trading areas as well. This they say will insure that the Personal Communications Service is given the potential for full competition with similar services including cellular telephone and land mobile radio. The FCC adds that all PCS licenses will be issued with a full ten year term.

IARU

On the international front, the Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union has held its annual in Brussels, Belgium. Among their most important actions, the council support the idea that IARU Regions 1 and 2 should continue their joint efforts to facilitate operation by amateurs visiting other countries without the need for any additional licensing. The council also adopted resolutions requesting that member societies to draw attention to the respective governmental administrations to the undesirability of imposing type approval and station inspection procedures on their Amateur Radio and Amateur Satellite services. Finally, the group reviewed and approved plans for Amateur Radio representation at upcoming conferences and meetings of the recently restructured International Telecommunications Union while continuing to promote the continued development of Amateur Radio worldwide.

UK YOUNG HAM

The Radio Society of Great Britain has selected fifteen year old Timothy Munn, G70TO as the United Kingdom's Young Amateur of the Year. Munn says that he has been interested in Amateur Radio for the past five years, having first been introduced to the hobby when he was only age 10. With assistance from the Isle of Wright Radio Society, Munn pass his Novice examination in January of 1992. As soon as he got his G70TO call sign, he created a ham radio club at his school. G70TO next applied to the RSGB for instructor status and was named the youngest Novice Class ham radio teacher in the history of the United Kingdom's ham radio program.

The Radio Society of Great Britain says that Tim Munn is a typical ham. It says that his main interests are building receivers and transmitters and operating packet. The RSGB adds that the first runner up in this years awards program was Simon Kahn who passed his license examination when he was only age eleven.

LO-19 UPDATE

From AMSAT comes word that the LO-19 ham satellite has been loaded with the version of its FTL0 software. According to Harold Price, NK6K this is new software that supports the broadcast directories. Harold also says also note that the kernel load in the flight computer has been running without interruption for well over 740 days as his report was being prepared.

DX - ETHIOPIA

In DX, word that Ethiopia as ET3BH has been quite active on the 12, 15 and 17 meter bands. His operating times seem to be 12:30 to 14:00 UTC and again between 17:30 and 20:00 UTC. You are advised to heck around 18.077, 18.140, 21.028, 21.295 and 24.947 Mhz at the times just mentioned. The operator says that he is, Bertel, SM3HLL, and he expects to be in Ethiopia until January 1994. All cards go by SM3HLL's callbook address.

7Z QSL ROUTE

Also, the new QSL route for 7Z2AB is via K1SE. Please do not send qsl's to AA0BC or 7Z2AB directly as turnaround will be very long. AA0BC has changed his QSL routing to get the qsl's back to you more quickly but he says that it may take a while to get back on track with the new qsl manager.

RADIO ELWA

On the shortwave scene, word that Liberia's Radio Elwa has recently returned to the air. This, after a 3 year absence due to civil unrest. Its frequency is 4760 KHz and operates between 16:00 to 22:00 UTC. The QSLing address is Radio Elwa, Box 10-0192, Monrovia 10, Liberia.

BENDER RECOVERING

Word that former ARRL W1AW station manager Chuck Bender W1WPR, is reported recovering from heart bypass surgery according to his successor Jeff Bauer WA1MNM.

Countless former Novices from the 1950's through the 1980's

today have valued QSL cards from W1AW bearing the signature "CR." For many years Bender would work the late night shift at W1AW to give newcomers the thrill of a contact with the headquarters station. Get well wishes can go to W1WPR at his Callbook address.

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